

# ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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## ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS DOWN 1 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

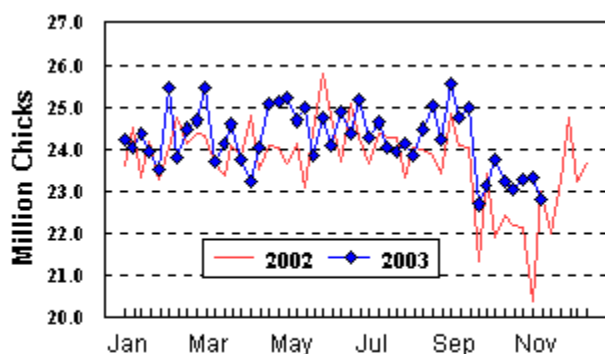
Broiler-type **chicks placed** for meat production in Arkansas was 22.8 million during the week ending November 22, 2003. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week in 2002, and down 2 percent from the previous week, and included 2.9 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through November 22, 2003 were 1.14 million, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type **chicks hatched** for the week was 23.1 million, up 3 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, but down 4 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.0 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 83.0 percent.

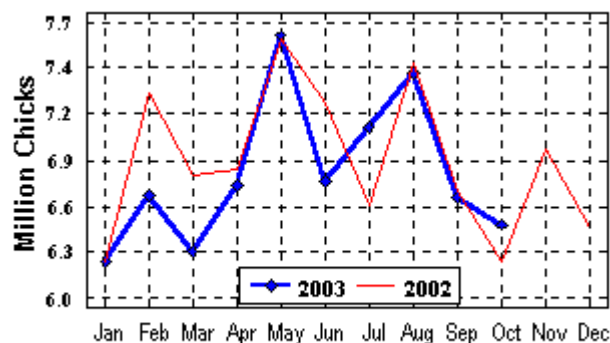
Arkansas hatcheries **set** 30.0 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending November 22, 2003, up 1 percent for both the same period last year and the previous week.

Leading breeders in the **UNITED STATES** placed 6.5 million **broiler-type pullet chicks** for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during October 2003, up 4 percent from October 2002.

**ARKANSAS BROILER CHICK PLACEMENTS  
BY WEEK, 2002 - 2003**



**U.S. BROILER-TYPE PULLET CHICKS PLACED  
FOR DOMESTIC HATCHERY SUPPLY FLOCKS**



Week Ending	Year		% Change
	2002	2003	
	1,000		
Oct. 18	21,930	23,755	108
Oct. 25	22,466	23,230	103
Nov. 1	22,202	23,060	104
Nov. 8	22,150	23,263	105
Nov. 15	20,431	23,335	114
Nov. 22	22,968	22,777	99

Month	Year		% Change
	2002	2003	
	1,000		
May	7,597	7,612	100
Jun.	7,206	6,748	94
Jul.	6,602	7,071	107
Aug.	7,449	7,401	99
Sep.	6,676	6,654	100
Oct.	6,265	6,485	104

**BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2003**

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	01-Nov	08-Nov	15-Nov	22-Nov		18-Oct	25-Oct	01-Nov	08-Nov	15-Nov	22-Nov	
Alabama	25,819 *	28,116	28,842	28,598	103	20,649	21,380	20,866	19,712	20,197	19,326	98
ARKANSAS	27,849	28,876	29,786	29,996	101	23,755	23,230	23,060	23,263	23,335	22,777	99
Delaware	3,690	3,906	3,544	3,546	105	4,189	4,359	4,616	4,836	4,306	4,901	100
Florida	1,353	1,351	1,353	1,352	58	1,876	1,601	1,518	1,525	1,664	1,477	63
Georgia	30,141 *	31,514	32,466	31,599	106	24,134	24,438	25,322	23,856	22,834 *	23,524	103
Kentucky	6,200	6,514	6,739	6,689	102	5,488	5,458	5,957	4,893 *	5,287 *	5,306	109
Maryland	8,840	8,891	8,417	8,752	95	6,308	5,727	5,418	4,490	5,270	5,636	91
Mississippi	16,501 *	17,295	18,276	18,389	102	14,526	14,925	14,983	14,254	15,291	14,292	103
N. Carolina	17,707 *	17,348	18,135	18,125	98	13,790	13,225	13,155	13,270	14,134	13,782	97
Oklahoma	6,090	5,890	6,400	6,391	100	4,197	3,966	3,924	5,143	4,374	4,255	130
Pennsylvania	3,409	3,590 *	3,638	3,751	101	2,542	2,634	2,505	2,370 *	2,461	2,564	99
S. Carolina	4,097	4,104	3,749	3,618	82	3,685	4,040	4,196	3,262	3,342 *	4,325	117
Texas	14,380	14,788	14,512	14,782	97	11,958	11,762	11,863	10,646	10,738	11,887	102
Virginia	6,205	6,116	6,591	6,622	106	5,069	4,415	5,130	5,168	5,629	4,953	111
CA,LA,MO,IN,WV	19,880	21,196 *	21,051 *	20,868	108	18,111	17,733	17,728	17,216	17,160 *	17,681	101
Total 2003	192,161 *	199,495 *	203,499 *	203,078		160,277	158,893	160,241	153,904 *	156,022 *	156,686	
Total 2002	189,835	197,676	199,041	200,518		155,782	157,001	155,287	151,790	147,970	154,972	
%Prev. Year	101	101	102	101		103	101	103	101	105	101	
Approximate Marketing Date 2003.....						06-Dec	13-Dec	20-Dec	27-Dec	03-Jan	10-Jan	

\* Revised. 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

**EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 1 PERCENT**

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 203 million eggs during the week ending November 22, 2003. This was up 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

**BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 1 PERCENT**

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 157 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 22, 2003. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through November 22, 2003 were 7.81 billion, down slightly from the same period a year earlier.